



# United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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Attest: *Lyle W. Cayce*  
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No. 24-10462  
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

February 14, 2025

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Clerk

ROBERT HOPKINS, III,

*Plaintiff—Appellant,*

*versus*

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,

*Defendant—Appellee.*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC No. 3:22-CV-706

Before DENNIS, HO, and OLDHAM, *Circuit Judges*.

## J U D G M E N T

This cause was considered on the record on appeal and the briefs on file.

IT IS ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the judgment of the District Court is VACATED, and the cause is REMANDED to the District Court for further proceedings in accordance with the opinion of this Court.

The judgment or mandate of this court shall issue 7 days after the time to file a petition for rehearing expires, or 7 days after entry of an order denying a timely petition for panel rehearing, petition for rehearing en banc, or motion for stay of mandate, whichever is later. See Fed. R. App. P. 41(b). The court may shorten or extend the time by order. See 5th Cir. R. 41 I.O.P.

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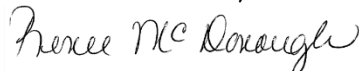
No. 24-10462 Hopkins v. Department of Defense  
USDC No. 3:22-CV-706

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

Enclosed is a copy of the judgment issued as the mandate and a copy of the court's opinion.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk



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